

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-3: canceled.

Claim 4 (New): A multi-part oil control ring for pistons of internal combustion engines, comprising:

two lamellae consisting of steel strips and having parallel walls, working surfaces of each lamella having an asymmetrical barrel shape, and having a vertex line that extends over a circumference of the lamellae and being oriented in an opposite direction to a center of a ring groove of the piston, in the assembled state of the oil ring in the piston; and

a spreading spring disposed between the lamellae, said spreading spring pressing each of the lamellae both axially against one of the walls of the ring groove in the piston, and radially against a cylinder wall;

wherein the working surfaces of the two lamellae are configured in such a manner that they correspond to a final contour approaching a condition of wear in a run-in state of the

engine, and

wherein the working surfaces of the two lamellae, in cross-section,

1. follow the asymmetrical shape of a polynomial of the second order in a first segment (I), with $h(x) = ax + bx^2$, whereby

2. x = working surface coordinates in the Cartesian coordinate system in mm, and a , b are coefficients, with a being defined by the ratio of the axial wall play of the lamellae relative to the width of the lamellae; b being defined as the amount of the working surface curvature;

3. a supporting vertex (II) $h(x=0)$ configured as an edge, and

4. in a third segment (III) follows the asymmetrical shape of the function $h(x) = cx^2$, with c as a multiple of b .

Claim 5 (New): A multi-part oil control ring according to claim 4, wherein the vertex lines of each of the working surfaces of the lamellae are oriented in the same direction as the wall of the ring groove that faces away from the piston crown.